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[illegible] Co. Tennessee
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[illegible] I
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[illegible] much
[illegible]
[illegible]
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[illegible] arms
[illegible] East Tenn. and some to East Tennessee we have
a long road to travel yet and we eat
much so we can't get much
now only what we buy it and we can't
buy much for Confed. not drawn any
money yet. Do you know the yankees
have taken Knoxville that is a
mistake the yankees is not near the

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[illegible] may have left
the [illegible] give us this country and
burnt all the [illegible] that they
could get to. [illegible] make me
some [illegible] for we cannot
do [illegible] they are in our army.
[illegible] when we were moving to
Camp Lee I stop to the army of they
are [illegible] for the [illegible]
[illegible] were [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] although it is not more than
they ought to do.
[illegible] I [illegible] well [illegible]
[illegible] well I don't know
he was [illegible] for us to treat
for [illegible] I have not heard from
him in a long time.
[illegible] I just received a letter from
home [illegible] but I do not know how
long it has been wrote it said that
I had another sister I would like
very much to see the Bold

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American. [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
friends

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Stationed on the railroad on
the edge of [illegible] about 10
Earlier [illegible]

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[ORIGINAL LETTER RETAINED BY BUNKER FAMILY] [1863]

Camp Davalls ford Tenn
Nov the 18th 1863

Dear Sister

It is with pleasure I take the present opportunity to write to you. I am well at present and hope when these few lines do reaches you they will find you enjoying the same blessings. We have been here at this camp about a week and I do not know how long we will have to remain but I know if we stay here much longer we will perish to death. About two weeks ago ~~we had~~ went out on a scout and was gone about five days we travelled three nights and days before we made a halt the second knight got me it rained all night as hard as it could pour and we had to travell over the rockyest and the mudyest road that I ever saw and the

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next morning we rain up on the yankee
pickets and captured them and
went on to a little town call Rogersville
and there we saw a little fun catching
yankees we captured about 150 yankees
and started of back about twelve oclock
and travelled all night that night
and in the whole scout we did not
take our saddles off of our horses but once
or twice and did not feed but once
or twice a day and when we got back
to camp every horse in the Batalion
had the scratches so bad that they
could hardly travell.
My horse [redacted] had the distemper
she had it very bad she had it
about four weeks and went on
that raid and travelled so hard
that she is now nearly dead.
John Greenwood & and the ballance
of the boys is well You must
knit me two or three pair of

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socks & a pair of gloves I lost
my gloves on ~~that~~ charge after
the yankees you must make
them and try and send them
but hear of your ear for
I do not think I will come
home this winter and you
must send me another blanket
for the weather is getting very
cold out here. you must write
soon I will have to bring
this letter to a close as it is
getting time to go about supper

Yours as ever
C W Bunker

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April the 26 1864

Camp near Kinston

Dear Wife

It is with pleasure that I take the present opportunity of writing you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. I was five days getting to camp after I left home. I left Raleigh & marched every day till we came near we got to Neuse River it was two feet above common water and we swam it and got to Camp that evening. & We have been marching ever since we are now in 15 miles of Wilmington I expect we will go to Wilmington to morrow. We are expecting a fight pushing at this time in fact man and horse. We have been very tired

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since I have come out and
it is very cold here now it has
been raining and snowing for
seven days past it melted as
fast as it fell. all the roads is very
muddy almost impassable
John was to see Capt the name
of the company. There is not much
news in camp only there is a man
to be shot friday for desertion
I must bring this letter to a
close for must write some Direct
your letter to Rappahannock -
I am well at present and hope
these few lines will find you -
the same

Yours as ever
C W Bunker

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Doublin V.a

May the 14th 1864

Dear Sister

As we have to rest a day at this camp I will take time to drop you a few lines to let you know that I am well at present and hope these few lines may find you enjoying the same privilege. We have been marching about three weeks and our horses is very near worn out we have nothing to feed them on but grass and march them long and day last Tuesday we met up with the Yankees a five miles northeast direction from Wytheville the fight commenced about one o'clock and we fought them untill dark we drove them back about 5 miles they was making their way to Wytheville there was about 1800 of them I went into the fight

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and as it happened I came out
safe. In there was 45 Yankees killed
and 10 or 13 of our men. We never
lost nary man out of our Battalion.
We went back to Wilmington that
night and the next morning we
drew five days rations and come
in three miles of this place and
and the next morning we come to
town. The Yankees burnt the
depot and several other buildings.
The Regiment that Shade Franklin was in
got cut up pretty badly at this place.
I went out to the hospital the
other day to see if I could hear
from him and one of the wounded
men told me that he came
out safe. We are going to start to
the salt works this evening. You
must write to me as soon
as you get this. John Doss was
in the fight and come out

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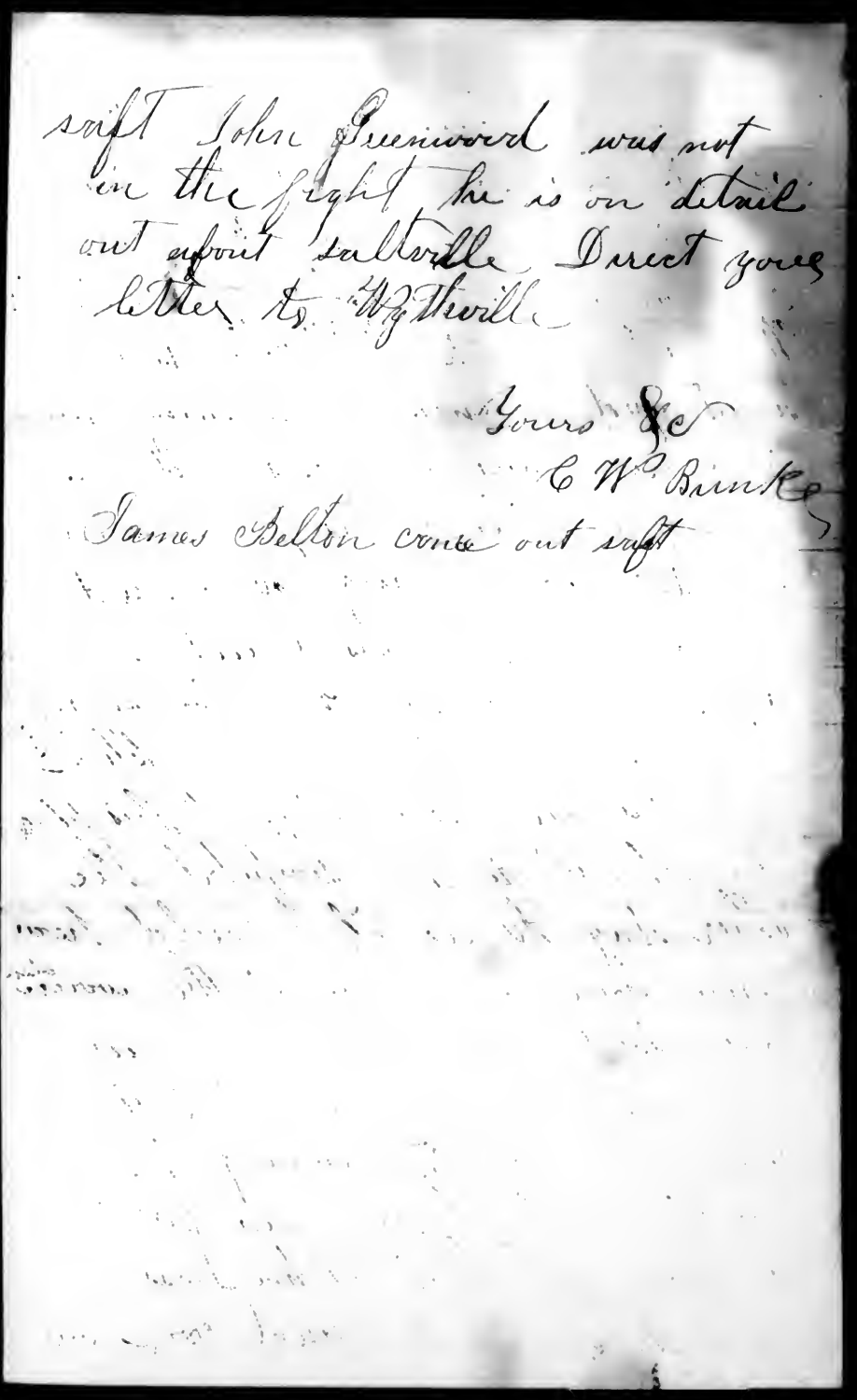

sajt John Greenwood was not
in the fight he is on detail
out upon saltville Direct your
letter to Wytheville

Yours &c
C W Bunker

James Belton come out safe

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Lexington Rockbridge Co. Va
June the 26th 1864

Dear Sister

As we have to stop and rest a day or two at this place I thought that I would drop you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. We have been marching every day for 30 days we do not get anything to feed our horses on but grass and we do not give them much time to eat that and the most of them is broken down my horse and John Dosses is broken down and lame and we are now behind the Command recruiting them up.

We have been in four or five fights since we have been down here. The Yankees come very near taking me prisoner two or three times I had to slip through their lines one time in the night.

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I have seen all of the boys that belonged to the 2 N C Reg. I saw them at Lynchburg Wilkshire Bannie said that he had not heard from his people in a long time and he told me to tell you to tell his people that he was well Drewry Grad was well also, all of the boys is well from that neighbourhood Capt Young was taken prisioner at the fight at Salem. the Yankees took a great deal of property from this country they stole about 500 negroes and four or five thousand head of cattle and about fifteen hundred ~~and~~ head of horses I am well at present and hope that these few lines will find you the same

Yours &c

C W Bunker

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From C. B. to S. B.

Camp near Petersburg Va
July the 1st 1864

Dear Sister

It is with pleasure I take the present opportunity to drop you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. We are now on the march but I do not know where we are going to, although I suspect we are going to Pennsylvania and Maryland. John Doe & James Denson is up with the Company and they expect get safe on time to go to Lynchburg with us. We had very good to get those provisions that you sent to us. The Yankees come very near taking our prisoners two or

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Capt Young & two other Capts
out of our regiment we had
a hard time a running of
them and they running of us
My horse Borked himself and
become very lame and I have
to leave him with a gentleman
there who lives five miles this
side of Lexington Mr Rockbridge
County the gentleman's name is
he said that he would take good
care of him until I got back
or you sent for him. write
if I should get killed or captured
in this case you can send and
get him. I am well at
this time and hope these
few lines may find you the
same. I have Sold my
horse and he says he will have
to leave him in a few days

Wheat Crops here is the best
that I ever saw and corn
Crops is very good also
in this County I must bring
this letter to a close you
must write soon and
direct your letter to Staunton
Staunton Va

Yours &c
C W Bunker

The mans name that I
left my horse with is
A Lindsey Lexington Rockbridge Co Va

three times they have taken
Capt. Young & two other Capts
out of our regiment we had
a hard time a running of
them and they running of us
My horse broke himself and
become very lame and I have
to leave him at a gentleman
house who lives five miles this
side of Lexington Mr Rockbridge
County Va. his name is Lindsey
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or you sent for him. and
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Yours &c
C W Bunker

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Va

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Bunker

C H Bunker

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Camp Chase, O., Oct the 12th 1864

Dear Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters

It is with pleasure I take the present opportunity to drop you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. I was captured the 7th of last August and brought to this place. I have no news of interest to write to you as there are none allowed to come in prision. You must write to me as soon as you get this and let me know how you are getting along I would like to hear from you all as it has been a long time since I heard from you. but I hope will not be very long before I hear from you and see you too all though I see no chance for an exchange.

I have not seen many well days since I came to this place I have had the Small pox and have now got the diarrea but I hope that I will be well in the course of a week. The Small pox did not go very hard with me It did not confine me to my bed but about three weeks. I would like to have some clothes as I have not got but one suit and it is very thin summer goods but it is impossible for you to send me any from home We are drawing very light rashions here just enough to keep breath and body together I must bring this to a close and I hope it will find you well and doing well. Direct to Camp Chase Columbus Ohio and put it in another envelop and direct to Judge Ould Officer of exchang Richmond Va

I remain your son as ever C W Bunker